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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

No. 79

## Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen (Coauthor: Assembly Member Lackey)

(Coauthors: Senators Bates, Glazer, Hill, and Runner)

May 21, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 79—Relative to California Innovation Month.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 79, as amended, Travis Allen. California Innovation Month. This measure would proclaim June 2015 as California Innovation Month in recognition of the innovation economy.

Fiscal committee: no.

- WHEREAS, Innovation and an entrepreneurial spirit are woven into our identity as Americans. We are the pioneers that always look beyond to the next frontier. From sending a man to the moon, to leading the Internet revolution, the world has always looked to America to lead into the future. And time and again, we have
- delivered that and much more; and
   WHEREAS, American-born advancements have shaped every
- 8 aspect of our modern world. Our smartphones, which evolve daily,
  9 have enabled instant global communication and a more robust
- 10 exchange of ideas and knowledge. Our children and grandchildren
- 11 have the chance for longer and healthier lives because of
- 12 breakthroughs in medical technologies and drug treatments.
- 13 Cutting-edge processes have turned the United States into a leader

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1 in energy production, while better data and advanced weather 2 warning systems hold the promise of saving lives from natural 3 disasters; and

WHEREAS, The truth is, the next great medicine, energy source, or communication platform won't be stamped "Made in Sacramento" on the bottom. The next great medicine, energy source, or communication platform is waiting to be discovered by the people of California. Our greatest asset, and the biggest driver of California innovation, is California's people, and we need laws that support and enable the people of California, instead of regulations that hold them back; California; and

WHEREAS, Innovation is essential to achieving and maintaining economic prosperity in this increasingly competitive world, and our place as the most innovative nation on Earth cannot be taken for granted. We must stay focused on promoting growth and expanding opportunities for the next great idea; and

WHEREAS, Communities throughout California will commemorate the month of June as California Innovation Month, a month celebrating the innovation industry and the entrepreneurial spirit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That in recognition of the innovation economy, the month of June shall be proclaimed California Innovation Month, a special time for Californians to celebrate this ever-growing industry that is changing the way we view communication, health care, transportation, energy, travel, business, and much more; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.